A serious famine is threatening the lives of tens of thousands of children in the world’s poorest country, Niger. To help the survivors, and to bring a little hope into their lives, ADRA-UK is planning to send the 2010 Shoebox Appeal to Niger. Beneficiaries will include orphans and impoverished children aged 5 to 12.

Because the shoeboxes are going to Niger, we want to be more specific about what you can pack. When the shoeboxes arrive in January, Niger will have just come out of the biggest famine it has ever faced in its history. The surviving children will need encouragement and a little token of our care. We are asking you to pack school supplies and a personal hygiene kit.

School supplies can include items like pens, pencils, notebooks, and so on. In each box, please include soap, washcloths, a toothbrush and toothpaste. Flip-flops are also good items to include.

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Any kind of small toy is fine, but secondary. No battery-operated toys please.

ADRA-UK is working with its local partner, ADRA-Niger, for the distribution of the shoeboxes.

Now, here are some important instructions:

1. Please plan to have the shoeboxes delivered in Watford by **14 November** for shipping to Niger that week.
2. Wrap each box and mark clearly if it is intended for a boy or girl, and the age group. Please consider making gift boxes that can be given to **either** a boy or a girl, as this will help in the distribution.
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Youth and Finance Conference
A report from the SEC

How many people in the world exist on ‘one cup of coffee a day’? How many people in the UK are in debt? And what is the current state of the British economy? Did you know that the money you own or earn does not belong to you, but ultimately to God? How do you feel about wealth and poverty?

If you were influenced by these and many other questions concerning money, debt, death, motivation, career choices and enterprise, you would have enjoyed the first SEC Youth and Finance Conference held at the Adventist Centre. The event was sponsored by the SEC Stewardship department and the London Adventist Credit Union and was organised by Dr Richard de Lisser, SEC Stewardship director.

The conference was opened by speakers for the day who was Clff Hylton, Men’s Ministries associate director of the SEC, who delivered the morning devotional. The presentation was ‘Change you can believe in’.

Following Cliff was Herta von Stiegel, an internationally renowned speaker about money and member of the Central London church. Herta opened her presentation by asking students: ‘Have you ever really looked at your own values? Money is a neutral entity – a force for good or for evil depending on the emphasis that is placed on it by the individual. Do you believe money is sacred? In her seminar, she also spoke about materialism – the undue regard for the material, rather than the spiritual, benefits of life. According to Herta you are a materialist if you serve wealth (Matthew 6:24) and the十四世 Pope (13, 1,0) and want to attain any material or immaterial goal you wish to say that you are not necessarily a materialist just because you have a lot of money, work hard for your money or make a lot of money. She concluded this section of her talk by stating that you are not necessarily a materialist just because you enjoy material things or have nice things, and asked direct questions of the young people regarding their possessions. Personalities of Principal Money Management was the final part of Herta von Stiegel’s seminar. The focus centred around strong Adventist stewardship principles:

• God is the owner of everything
• The purpose of our lives is to glorify God
• Tithing is an attitude to materialism (when you give, you have an opportunity to let God)
• Unmanaged debt is dangerous
• God wants us to prosper

At the question-and-answer session of the first part of the conference, Paul Thompson (company director and member of the Institute of Credit Management and Institute of Directors) gave a dynamic presentation on debt. Paul’s thesis was based on the concept of the ‘new fruit’, like that offered to Eve in the Garden of Eden. He went on to discuss the biblical view of debt as described in Proverbs 22:7, Deuteronomy 8, and parts of Deuteronomy 32. Paul also stated that one of the new forms of slavery is debt, to which many in the Western world have fallen victim.

In this presentation Paul asked some very direct and challenging questions concerning debt and our Christian experience. After an interactive session with the young people, Deborah Harris (a chartered accountant, CEO of DHU Associates and member of the London Adventist Credit Union) spoke in her usual passionate way about the need for financial management.

Following a hearty lunch, K. T. Abbequaye, a retail bank manager for the HSBC group, led break-out groups with the youth, asking the question, ‘To wealth or poverty, what is the result? A result of circumstance or behavior?’ The question sparked much discussion and debate among the youth and adults present.

‘I believe that it is time that we educate our youth in the twenty-first century to be financially literate. There are our up-and-coming taxpayers and wage earners,’ said Dr. De Lisser, reflecting on the day, ‘and we need to encourage them not only to achieve but to dedicate their talents and the money they earn to God.’

The Church and the Pope
Dear Editor
I was writing in response to the article by the BUC president, Don McFarlane, in the 15 October issue of The Messenger. I appreciate that many Roman Catholics are sincereChristians who are out of our group, but they have the same character as the Pope! I thought it important to point out that the Pope cannot be viewed in ‘giving hands with the beast power’.

I don’t believe for a moment that Christ would welcome the Pope. Go to see the Pope and you see the continuous rebuke of the Pharisees (who were held in high esteem by all Christians) because they were the preachers of the ‘man-made’ Christ, in contrast to the true Christ, the person who is nothing by comparison because of his supernatural power. The Catholic Church is an organisation, and the Pope is the lead official (most powerful person in the planet), and fully aware of both the plan of salvation and the plan of Satan. He has chosen his path. We must not meet with the enemy and enter into its kingdom.

Editor: Did you see Pastor McFarlane’s article in the 15 October issue?

Welcome the Pope?
Dear Editor
I have been a warm-hearted and compassionate person the Adventist Church in my 32 years of service, passion from beginning to end. On the other hand, there were a few times, extremely situations, practising Catholics, who opposed the Pope, based on a few legitimate concerns, and deeply poignant questions asked of the Pope. We have been hoping against all hope (Pope Paul) and we 6,700,000+ sharecroppers. But, the ‘Patrol the Pope’ rally organised by the National Student for a Democratic Socialist, and I estimate them to be 200,000 members, and the Papal visit was all about interests and purposes: assuming mass-media-political-religious papal. So I think, 6,700,000 sharecroppers and, for the Pope to be valid, had to be part of the business, for reaching significant, and we will need to do in the next 30 years is the task to be done for our understanding of prophecy. The seeds have been planted, the harvest is in heaven.

Redeemers in the NEC
Dear Editor
I was talking about the SEC-’s goal to help move to workable

Debts, 4 Deserves retirement
On Sunday 12 September, members of the Great Yarmouth church arranged a retirement celebration for their minister, Pastor Michael Walker. The following evening a banquet lunch prepared by the members of the church. This was followed by a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the key events of Pastor Michael and Pearl’s ministry, and a question-and-answer session related to their ministry and their appreciation for Michael and Pearl’s support. The evening was attended by several friends of the church, including campaign interests.

Pastor Walker has been a minister of the Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft district for five-and-a-half years. During this time, he ran a two-and-a-half year evangelistic campaign in both towns, which resulted in many friendships and bridges being built, one baptism and one regular attendee. Additionally, he conducted six baptisms, one of whom was a police officer, an accountant, CEO of a company and a musician. Pastor Walker has been known for his evangelistic campaigns, both in Britain and abroad. He took an architectural approach to proving the validity and authenticity of the Bible. Pastor Walker planted several churches in the district and many people. He worked closely with ADRA and on several occasions took a copy of all supplies to Slovenia.

Pastor Michael will be remembered, not only as a hard-working minister, but also as a supporter one. Moreover, he has been known for his sense of humour, which is appreciated by many. Pastor Pearl has been an exemplary minister’s wife, supporting Pastor Michael in everything he did. She was actively involved in the campaigns by leading in discussions and acting as a secretary. Her kind and cheerful personality helped build good rapport with the campaign interests. Additionally, many people of Great Yarmouth had known Pastor Pearl through the YOP, with whom she was still involved. Pastor Michael has been with us through their letters. Michael and Pearl Walker brought many people to Christ. Only in Heaven will we find out the true extent of their ministry. We would like to give God thanks and wish them a happy and debt-free retirement.

LAWRENCE J. LUNA

Well-deserved retirement

Letters
The Children’s Pages
Dear Reader
For several weeks, MYS WORX has used the centre spread of alternate issues on children’s pages. This week, we could improve the first year, the children’s pages were prepared by Karen. The year, they were prepared by Karen, Angela. The graphics, headers have a picture for about 50% of the children’s pages from Karen and Angela. Angusk, we have asked what sort of images we should use, and have given to the answer. None.

The reason why the Children’s Ministry department advertised for the centre spread of alternate issues, and the reason why the editor ‘said yes’, is that we want to give the children a sense of belonging and importance in the Church.

Herself successful? Is there another way of doing our children a sense of even- less? Do they need a little more power of their own? Is the best way for children to discover spiritual guidance to involve them in church services? We have had feedbacks on the subject, but although there are still pages – at least, our chil- dren are more interested in understanding the Bible. So, what is the answer there for new readers? Email us at: (Karen)@mync.com.

Abuse and Aids
Dear Editor
I agree with the article by the president, Don McFarlane. I agree that we must understand it the fullest, and that we have welcomed Pope Benedict XVI because of other reasons; it is our cause of the abuse of the Pope. The Pope is the head of the Church, not me. The Pope is the Spiritual Father of all Christ’s! In that way, every time that the Pope is in affiliation. (Catholic Church) is the one for us to do the ‘in vocation’ for the Pope. Even if he is locked shall live and fought against than the fars away. That sounds to me like

The Messengers

Sisters in Christ

Joyfully, there was joy as Breath of Life's "Teaching Out" novel series climaxed on 2 October. Right after night, the church assembled to encounter the rich life of the Word in song along with the spoken Word. Our pastor, Dr. Patrick Herbert, delivered apt messages which addressed our Church's situation, and yet at the same time drew visitors and non-members into a closer relation with Jesus Christ.

Holy people scare me!

The annual Welsh Mission Day of Fellowship is held every autumn at the Pavilion in Llandrindod Wells. This excellent venue, situated in beautiful mid-Wales, is in just the right location to allow members from both north and south Wales to get there in a reasonable time.

Our speaker this year was the North England Conference president, Pastor Ian Sweeney. As the Welsh Mission's nearest neighbour, we have always had a good relationship with the North England Conference, regularly benefiting from their lay preachers and enjoying the company of their members when they visit for holidays and the like. However, it was a special privilege to have Pastor Sweeney worship with us and to learn directly from him something of the challenges that the NEC faces, as well as the vision that he has for the future of the Church.

In his morning sermon, entitled "Holy people scare me!", Pastor Sweeney told the gritty real-life story of a family that had been torn apart by religious fundamentalism. A woman, who was believed to be A.D., was murdered by her brother in order to "preserve God's honour". 'When people strive for holiness they can become very dangerous," Pastor Sweeney said.

Using the Genesis story of Cain and Abel, together with a wide range of personal anecdotes, Pastor Sweeney pointed out that living a holy life is not necessarily a rewarding experience; in fact it can leave you with absolutely nothing. Particularly within the Seventh-day Adventist context, holiness can leave you without a job, friends, or even a spouse, he said. "Our holiness doesn't obligate God to us in any way."

"When the Music Stops", "Refusing and Choosing", "Sisters in Christ"... all of which heightened the listeners' curiosity and drew them to a fresh understanding of God's Word.

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Count how many times Jo said thank you:
‘Thanks, Mum’, Jo said, when her mum gave her pancakes for breakfast.
‘Thank you’, Jo said, when her teachers told her she was a very good speller.
‘Thanks, that hit the spot’, said Jo, when Sam gave her a share of his granola bar.
‘Thank you’, Jo said, when the lady at the shop helped her to find a basket.
‘Dear Uncle Ted, thank you for the new iPad. I feel very lucky’, Jo wrote in her email.

What do you think made Jo a grateful girl? This is what she prayed in her prayer last night...
‘Dear God, thank you for the fun I had at school today. Thank you for my new iPad. Thank you for Uncle Ted, amen.’ Have you said thank you to anyone today? I am sure most of you have.

Jo knows something very important – God gives us everything we have. Like her, will you remember to say ‘thank you’ to him too?

A wordsearch with a hidden message from Luke 17
Find the words in the grid. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line.

A family thank-you list
How about starting a thank-you list with your family? Each night after dinner, take turns by letting one person write something for which they are thankful. You’ll be amazed to read through all your blessings by the end of the week.

A thank-you note
Write a thank-you note to your pastor, or Sabbath School teacher, or someone else who shares God’s love with you. Post it and see what a blessing your note will be.

Thankful heroes
You could also make a list of all the events in the Bible you can remember where someone said thank you or showed their gratitude. Then make another list of all the events in the Bible you can remember where a person or group forgot to say thank you. I wonder which will be the longer list?

Thank you, thank you, thank you
One day when Jesus lived on earth, he saw ten men who all had a sickness called leprosy. Jesus made them all well, but only one man said ‘thank you’ to him. Have some fun reading the story for yourself in Luke 17:11-19 and then try this craft activity.

You will need:
Eleven plastic spoons, felt-tips, an egg carton for a dozen eggs and scissors.

What you need to do:
Use the felt-tips to draw faces on the backs of the spoons. Give them different hairstyles and colours, beards and moustaches to represent each of the lepers and Jesus.
Remove the cover of the egg carton and turn the bottom section over, then slide a spoon handle into the centre of each eggcup. Place Jesus in an end cup.
Use the spoon puppets to tell the story of Jesus and the ten lepers. Let these spoons remind you to thank God for his gifts to you.

Feedback from children who visit Christian Stars children’s pages – or from their parents – is welcome. The address is www.adventistinfo.org.uk/departments/childrensministries.php. Heather Haworth, Children’s Ministries director, BUC.
The God Debate at Newbold

The God Debate came to Newbold College’s Salisbury Hall on Tuesday evening, 5 October. Writer and broadcaster Rabbi Jonathan Minkin, minister at the Maidenshead Synagogue, delivered the 2010 Beach Lecture – a Jewish response to scientist Richard Dawkins’ best-selling book, The God Delusion. The rabbi’s audience consisted of Adventists from the Newbold community and other Christians from the Bedford, Bracknell and Wokingham churches. There was a small group from the local Bahá’í community and a sprinkling of agnostics. If there was a challenge in the 300-strong audience, he or she didn’t speak up.

In this sympathetic context, Rabbi Jonathan began with a concession to Dawkins – the recognition that there are ‘dwarfs and lunatics’ in all religions. He described as ‘my lunatics’ those literal-minded Jews who chain a working ambulance on the Sabbath. On the other hand, he suggested, religious people have enhanced the world by founding charitable organisations like the Red Cross, Roehrels Anonymous, the Samaritans, and Amnesty International. ‘There is something powerful in religion that can be used for enormous good and can help average people rise above themselves,’ he said. ‘The problem with some people is not religion itself but the people who adopt it.’

The rabbi discussed some of Dawkins’ arguments and looked at the conflict between atheistic scientists and religious people. He suggested that they are engaged in two entirely different tasks – tasks which are not always understood by those in the opposite camp. ‘By and large people believe because they believe’, he suggested. Atheists can marshal an entire package of atheist theology but are still unable to convince religious people that their experiences with God, as they sing religious songs together or watch a blood-red sunset, are anything but real and everlasting.

The most fascinating part of the lecture, for many in the audience, was the final section dealing with the Jewish attitude to Dawkins’ arguments in general and the Jewish response to scientists Richard Dawkins’ best-selling book, The God Delusion. The rabbi, who balances his intellectual life with a strong spiritual one, is very well respected and listened to with high regard by his audience.

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Local Council backs Newport Health Fair

by John Surridge

Health fairs run by local Adventist churches are pretty popular these days, but it’s not always something that gets sponsored by the local council. Newport is no exception, and this year’s Newport Health Fair received a subsidy of £1,000 from the Newport Festival 2010 fund. As a result of the event, the church was considerably bigger than the one the church ran two years ago.

Councillor David Hando, of the Beechwood Ward, officially pronounced the event open at 11.30am, and for the next four hours or so there was an estimated crowd of more than two hundred people browsing the exhibits, picked up information leaflets, had various health checks, and sampled a wide range of healthy foods. Among the many stalls holders were representatives from the Stroke Association, Newport People’s Panel, Zumba Fitness, Newport Temperance Society, and Sight Support (previously Guest Association for the Blind). Another major attraction was a fire engine from the Morden Fire Station in the car park – a real hit with the younger visitors, and one or two of the older ones who were prepared to climb up the steep steps into the back of the cab.

Adventist volunteers, including doctors and nurses from churches across South Wales, ran cooking demonstrations, blood pressure checks, and cholesterol and blood sugar tests, as well as presenting seminars on local health issues. Together with helpers from the school, community, and the blind, they also ensured that a free and suitable healthy meal was given to everyone who wanted one.

Among the stalls was one from the Healthier Communities Project, which is working with churches and other organisations to promote healthy eating and physical activity. The project is funded by the Welsh Assembly Government and is working with churches and other organisations across South Wales to promote healthy eating and physical activity. The project is funded by the Welsh Assembly Government and is working with churches and other organisations across South Wales.

The most ‘eye-catching’ exhibit in the hall was on Nirmala Pisavadia’s Sight Support stand. She had a large model of the human eye to highlight its intricacies and to explain just how delicate our eyes are. ‘Our eyes are at risk’, she said. ‘Too many people they are at risk, they don’t realise that one of the first things that can damage is our eyesight.

Event co-ordinator and Newport church elder, Michael Sammons, was very pleased with the day, and took time to send messages of thanks to everyone who had taken part. ‘We were blessed with a wonderful day, he said. ‘It feels event was a great success and we certainly made our presence felt on the day.

Special thanks go to Tony Trigg, site manager of Everest Primary School, for his creativity and lateral thinking in making the school available for important community events like these. More than 150 photographs from the event can be seen at:

www.adventistwales.org

Holloway baptism

On the evening of 11 September, four people – Jamey Gayle, Donique Lindsey, Dave Daley and her mother, Joy Alexander – all decided to give their lives to Christ.

Pastor Richard holder spoke words of wisdom and encouragement following these, they made their baptismal vows before the church members. The first candidate to take the dip was Jamey Gayle (17). The pastor commented on how wonderful it was that Jamey resisted the temptations of street culture, unlike many young men his age, by joining the family of God.

Following Jamey were Joy Alexander and Dave Daley. This was a heart-felt moment as the two are mother and daughter. It was beautiful to see them together in the pool to witness one another’s dedication to the Lord, and it is encouraging to know that they will have the support of one another in their spiritual journey.

The final candidate was Donique Lindsey, a 19-year-old woman. Our Bible worker, Sister Rutherford, declared how excited she was to see Donique in the pool, as they formed a good relationship while Donique attended Bible study classes. The final candidate was Donique Lindsey, a 19-year-old woman. Our Bible worker, Sister Rutherford, declared how excited she was to see Donique in the pool, as they formed a good relationship while Donique attended Bible study classes.

On behalf of the Holloway church I welcome these new members into the family of God.
Smethwick responds to trick-or-treaters

October 31 will traditionally be the night of Halloween, the night upon which many children – and not only children – will go from door-to-door, possibly in disguise, to receive candy. The Welshpool church does not want to condone this practice, but to offer an alternative, "trick-or-treat" style outreach.

Well this year, the Communication department of the Smethwick church has adopted an idea from a Christian radio station (UCB) to use this event as an opportunity to witness to the children in the neighbourhoods in which they live. Due to the fact that Halloween is a pagan ritual intended to send prayers to the deceased, we at the Smethwick church do not want to condone this practice, but to offer an alternative, "trick-or-treat" style outreach.

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Job vacancy at ADRA-UK

ADRA-UK has a vacancy for the position of Chief Programmes Officer.

The Chief Programmes Officer leads the Programmes team and will take responsibility for actively investigating, sourcing and monitoring funds from government, public and private donors; supporting ADRA-UK’s implementing partners on proposal development, donor compliance, monitoring & evaluation, and donor reporting.

A Masters’ degree in international development, international relations or a related subject is preferable. Applicants should have at least four years’ direct experience in development work, preferably in a developing country, and proven understanding of development issues: theory and practice. Strong analytical, verbal and written communication skills, as well as proven management skills, are absolutely essential.

ADRA-UK is offering this position in the first instance as a one-year contract. Salary level: £33,413 to £36,612 (dependent on qualifications and experience).

All details of the position, together with an application form, are available on the ADRA-UK website: www.adra.org.uk. Alternatively, email info@adra.org.uk or write to Recruitment, ADRA-UK, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts. WD25 8JZ, England.

Applicants should have the right to work in the UK prior to submission of the employment application.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 2 December 2010

IOW story

When Angela and John Anderson returned to their hotel at Shanklin, on the Isle of Wight, from their holiday in January 2010, they were horrified.

Ceilings were collapsed, walls ruined, and furniture and carpets destroyed. Most people would have given up on hotel life— but not these two! They took everything in their stride. Calmly, they assessed the situation and called in the insurance people. They came and informed the Andersons that their insurance would cover the repairs and collected. Time went by, the work progressed and collected. Time went by, the repairs took place. Everything was in its proper place and the couple were once again in business.

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STANBOROUGH SCHOOL VACANCIES

Modern Foreign Language Teacher (French): January 2011

We are seeking an enthusiastic individual to teach French in our MFL department. The qualified candidate will be capable of teaching Key Stages 3, 4 (GCSE) and 5 (International Baccalaureate). The ability to teach girls PE would be an advantage.

You will prepare and deliver appropriate learning materials and carry out assessments of students and their work. You will contribute to the curriculum development, including the planning and implementation of existing and new programmes.

Information Communication Technology (ICT) Teacher: January 2011

Qualified teacher required to teach ICT. The qualified candidate will be capable of teaching Key Stages 3, 4 (GCSE) and 5 (International Baccalaureate).

Stanborough School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff to share this commitment. All successful applicants will be required to undertake a criminal record check via the CRB before they can be appointed.

Applicants should be able and willing to support the Christian ethos of this Seventh-day Adventist school.

Salary commensurate with denominational scale according to qualifications and experience. The offer of employment in respect of these posts will be subject to a satisfactory disclosure certificate from the Criminal Records Bureau.

The closing date for applications is 19 November 2010.

If you think that you have the drive and vision to fill these positions, and you have the teaching qualifications, relevant experience and authorisation to work in the UK, please complete the application and person specification forms available on our website (www.spsch.org) and email them with your C.V., addressed to the Head Teacher, Mr R. Murphy, at jmckie@spsch.org. Alternatively, post them to: Stanborough Park, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD25 9JT

NEWBOLD SCHOOL VACANCIES

HEADTEACHER

Required for January 2011

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Age range 4-11

Salary will be approximately £34,284pa

The South England Conference wishes to appoint an inspirational and committed, practising Seventh-day Adventist headteacher to lead Newbold school. Our aim is to provide a holistic education and develop the talents and abilities of every child.

Our school community is looking for someone who:

• Has a clear vision and commitment to the Seventh-day Adventist ethos and the inclusion of all learners
• Has a strong personal faith which will enrich the life of the school
• Has proven leadership skills that encourage, support and challenge students and bring innovative initiatives and programmes to further improve our practice
• Is an effective communicator with good interpersonal skills who will support and inspire pupils, staff, governors and parents/carers
• Will continue to build links with the community and manage use of the school’s facilities
• Has experience in the UK school system
• Has the right to work in the UK

Our school community offers:

• A rich and diverse intake of children and their families
• A friendly, dedicated staff team committed to the school and its community
• A supportive governing body, Church conference, and adjoining Adventist tertiary college
• An exciting opportunity to lead in shaping the future of the school

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. For an appointment, please contact Mrs Pat Eastwood at Newbold School on tel: 01244 421086

For an application form, job description and person specification please e-mail: jcrwford@secadventist.org.uk

Closing date for applications: 16 November 2010

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